

Jackson, Mississippi – A state of emergency was declared today for areas of Mississippi expected to be impacted by high winds and heavy rainfall carried by Hurricane Ida as she moves into the Gulf Coast region. The declaration was signed by Lt. Gov. Phil Bryant, as Gov. Haley Barbour was in Washington, DC.

“The Governor and I agreed it is best to be fully prepared to deal with the consequences of this dangerous storm,” Lt. Gov. Bryant said. “The executive order and state of emergency declaration I signed will enable the deployment of all resources to help people who are affected by Ida.”

The executive order activates the Mississippi National Guard and puts the Department of Public Safety and other state agencies on special alert. The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency has already deployed to the Gulf Coast and is coordinating with local emergency officials.

“Mississippi has a seasoned team that is well-experienced at dealing with emergencies,” Lt. Gov. Bryant said. “We continue to urge that residents be vigilant and prudent.”